

Obviously, the move to force stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear-cut illustration of media consolidation abuse by Sinclair Broadcasting.

It is simply reality that Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Such is mockery of the very doctrine of free press as we Americans have supported it!

It's important that the public see real people from our own communities and more substantive news, in the spirit of informative reporting, about issues that matter--and quite apart from clearly biased commentary/analysis in its name.

Sinclair's politically-motivated attack on Kerry shows why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.